



TALKS with Our WOMEN READERS

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WHEN THE "ONLY CHILD" IS A GIRL.

The girl who was visiting came out on the porch and dropped into a chair with a contented sigh.

"How quick you dressed!" exclaimed her hostess—a girl some years older.

"It's the first morning in months that I've found my clothes and other things, just where I put them. You know, when you've got as many brothers and sisters as I have, they're always borrowing your things and nobody ever knows where anything is, unless you just keep it under lock and key."

"It must be nice to have brothers and sisters, though," rather wistfully remarked the other young woman.

"Oh, they're nice, but they're an awful bother," goodnaturedly spoke the visitor. "I don't think you ought to repine, though. You're an only child and you can do as you like. I always envied 'only' children for that reason."

"Do as I like," repeated the other. "There's another mistaken idea about the 'only child.' Let me tell you, my dear, the 'only child,' especially if it's a girl, never does as she likes."

"I have always envied the girls who were one of a large family. They have more real independence than any girl who is the only one in the household. The 'only child' who is a boy can at least get out with other people, and he is expected to be independent, anyway. But the girl—Oh, she must sit at home and be good."

no matter how prosy they may want to be.

"Do you know why I never can spend a week end with you? It's because my parents would be lonesome without me—at least, that is what they tell me. I have never been away from home without mother in my life. I mean go alone anywhere. And, though I am old enough by far to go alone, I feel now that I cannot, for it would break mother's heart to think I would want to be separated from her for even one night, or enjoy anything in which she doesn't participate."

"I've missed the give and take of brothers and sisters, the variety of interests in a big family; the learning of character as it develops among the lives growing close around one in a family of children. I have grown cold in my manner, because there is no outlet for emotion."

"I've never been able to have friends of my own age, such as other girls have when they have brothers and sisters. I have been 'guarded' from outside associations, and I've missed all the rollicking good times that other girls and boys have."

"I don't know what it is to be bossed around by a big brother, or to cuddle a little sister. I don't know anything of the joys or the aches or the loves of growing souls close to one."

"As I grow older, it is worse. For my parents grow older too, and depend upon me more. Sometimes I wish there were more shoulders for them to lean upon; more children upon whom they can spend their affection. I am all they have, and they

won't allow anybody else to have even a slice of me.

"I love them dearly; but that love isn't enough in my life. I need other people, and other interests than they have. They are contented with a humdrum life, every day the same. They have outgrown ambitions and strong emotions and all the desires of youth. They have had their love and their life and I am the result with which they are satisfied. And I feel I must let them stay contented."

"There is a man—But I cannot think of a man in my life, though every girl should have a right to the one man and her woman's happiness of husband and children and her own home. But my parents cannot see why I should wish anything more than I have—a good home and themselves to love me, and no responsibility of ailing children and an uncertain husband. How can I love anybody else, if I love them?" they say. The tears, the reproaches and the upbraidings I have received, for dividing my affections—as if I couldn't love another without lessening my love for them!

"Why didn't I marry him anyway? I couldn't. It's something I can't explain. I couldn't break their old hearts. They own me in a way. I am not my own mistress. I am the 'only child.' They can't see in him a son—another child. He would always be an outsider, even though we all live together, as we would have to do as they are dependent on me for so much. And I wouldn't put that burden upon him."

"I am over sensitive, you say? That's another heritage of an only child. We don't brush up against all kinds of humanity enough, and so we grow abnormal."

"There! I have opened my heart to you, and I see you are surprised, for it is an unusual thing for me to talk this way to anyone. But I have been repressed so long—Don't think I don't love my parents. I do. But even the best parent can't entirely fill a woman's life. And when my parents made me the only child they didn't give me a square deal. It is all very well to tell of the good that Jane Adams and other old maids have done—but it's a lonely old age I'm looking into."

AVIATORS ARE TO CARRY U. S. MAILS

Postal Department Will Permit Experiments at Long Island—To Establish Route.

Washington, D. C., Sept. 16.—Postmaster General Hitchcock last night gave his consent to the establishment of an experimental aeroplane mail route between one of the outlying branches of the Brooklyn, N. Y., post-office and the aerodrome at Nassau boulevard, Long Island, during the international aviation meet from Sept. 23 to Oct. 1.

Aviators and their employees who will be stationed on the field will be able to receive their mail almost as quickly as if they were in one of the large cities. It is probable that a special postal station will be established at the aviation field and a temporary postmaster appointed by the department. The first successful aeroplane letter route was that opened last Saturday by the British postal administration, which began a series of experiments in the carrying of mails by aeroplane from Hendon, England to Windsor castle. Four aviators were engaged in the work, and about 100,000 letters constituted the first delivery. These experiments have been watched with considerable interest by the United States postoffice authorities, who are of the opinion that the day when letters will be forwarded from city to city by airships is not far distant.

served by the union pickets, the men were ordered back to their boats while Commander Ward went back to the Freeborn to give the woods another shelling.

This accomplished, the party returned, and for an hour or more worked rapidly to form a breastwork. This they disguised with green boughs.

HOT WORKS AT THE BOATS.

The confederates were not deceived, however. While their main body lay under cover, a command of three infantry companies and a company of cavalry, under Major Robert M. Mayo, worked round through the woods until they reached a point on the edge of a meadow, where they commanded the position of the union men on the shore.

Commander Ward, recognizing the hazard of having his men remain longer ashore with the enemy increasing his force, had ordered them to come aboard the Freeborn, and they were in the act of getting into boats when fire was opened at a range of about 250 yards.

"I sent all my men into the boats," stated Lieutenant J. C. Chaplin, in command of the detail, in his report, "and stayed on the beach till I had counted them and found they were all safe. By this time the boats had drifted some distance out and rather than bring the men any nearer, I swam out to the third cutter and pulled to the Freeborn."

The lieutenant's modesty did not permit him to report all the facts about his swim. Those lacking are to be found in the official report of Commander Rowan of the Pawnee, as follows:

"Lieutenant Chaplin remained steady and cool amidst a perfect hail of musketry from hundreds of men, while he collected his own men and made his retreat. The last man left the shore with him, and not being able to swim to the boat with his musket, Lieutenant Chaplin took him on his shoulders, musket and all, and safely reached the boat—but not without a hole in his cap where a musket ball passed through."

Two of the men were wounded. One, John Killams, captain of the top of the Pawnee, received a ball in the thigh. Before his hurt he had declared to his men that every one of them should die where he sat before anyone should be left behind.

The boat's flagstaff being shot away, he seized the stump and waived the flag, a shining mark, until the Freeborn was reached.

There the men in the boats heard solemn news.

DEATH AND HONORS.

Commander Ward to cover the retreat had directed the Freeborn's fire on the point from which the fresh attack had come. The gunner at the steamer's heaviest piece being wounded.

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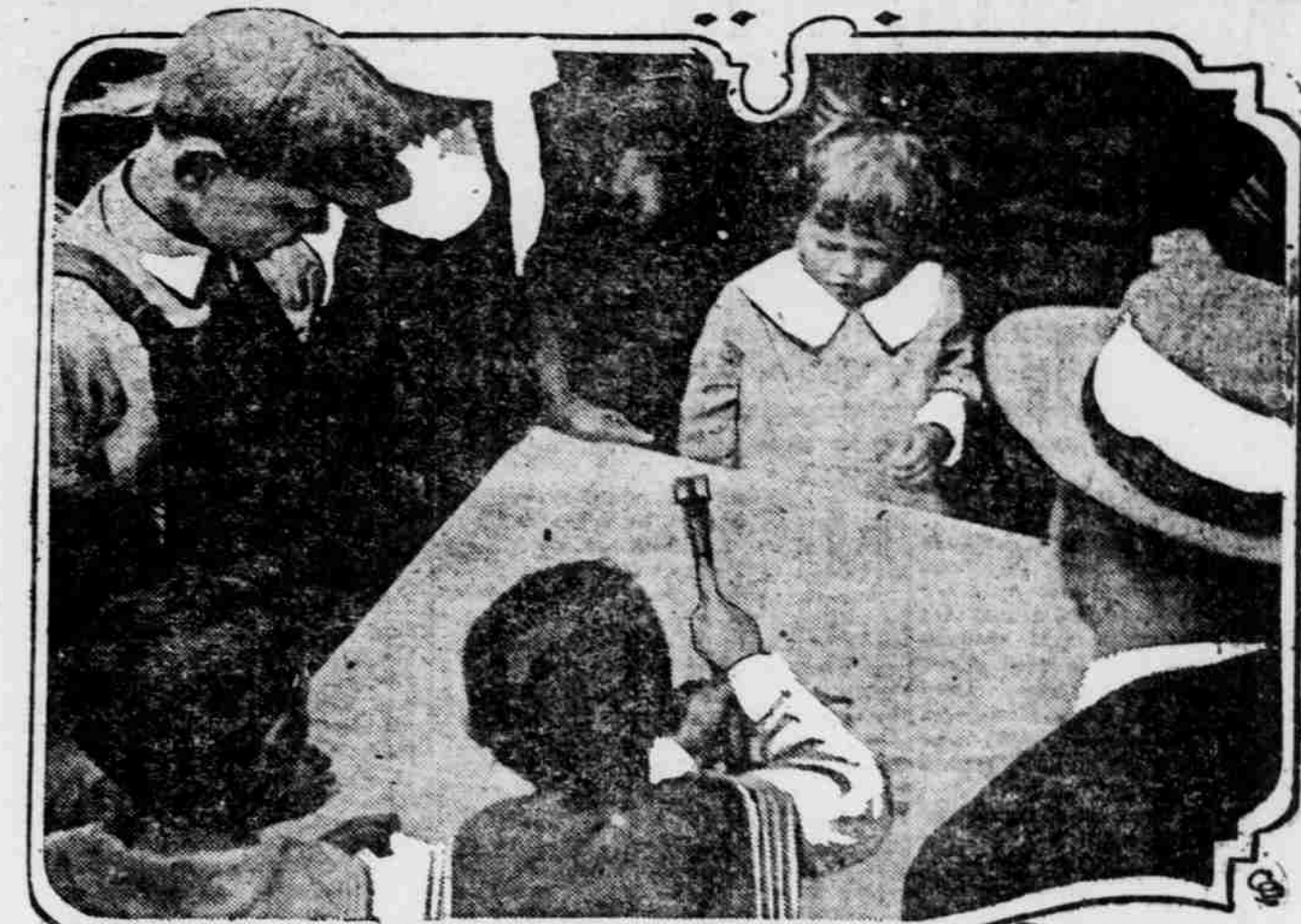
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ed, the commander took his place.

He was aiming the gun when a bullet struck him in the abdomen. He fell, but a boatswain's mate, Harry Churchill, caught the wounded commander on his arm and with his free hand pulled the cord that discharged the gun. He then laid the wounded officer on the deck.

It could soon be seen that Commander Ward's wound was mortal. There were no comforts on the steamer to ease his last moments. His wound bled internally and one hour after it was sustained he breathed his last, with Acting Assistant Surgeon J. W. Moore standing beside him, but powerless with the means at hand to give him aid.

With the body of its commander lying as it fell, all powder-grime and dust, the Freeborn started back up the river.

Next morning Washington had the news from Mathias Point and depression was manifest on every hand. Still there was some comfort in the bravery of the little band in the boats, as well as in the memory of Commander Ward's gallant end.

John Williams was promoted by the secretary of the navy to the position of master's mate, with pay of \$40 a month, and this order was his further warrant of official praise: "Send to the department the flag defended by John Williams of the Pawnee at Mathias Point, Gideon Welles, secretary of the navy."

Lieutenant J. Crossan Chaplin was commended by the secretary in a personal letter.

Due naval honors were paid the body of Commander Ward. After solemn services at Washington it was sent to New York and there lay in state on board the ship-of-war North Carolina. After many testimonials of respect and affection it was conveyed to Hartford, Conn., his native place, where, after impressive funeral honors, according to the rites of the Catholic church, it was laid beside his parents.

SCHOOL TABOOS CIGARET

Notre Dame University Will Suspend Students Indulging in Habit.

South Bend, Ind., Sept. 16.—In an effort to end cigarette smoking among the students of Notre Dame university, of

ficials of the institution have announced that indulgence in the habit will be permitted no longer and that those disobeying the order will be summarily suspended.

Rev. John Cavanaugh, C. S. C., president of the university, has ordered notices of the new order posted in the various halls at the college and strenuous steps will be taken toward wiping out the evil. This action is the result of a thorough investigation by members of the faculty and officials of the school. It is said that in Notre Dame, as in many of the other universities of the country, the country, cigarette smoking had become almost universal among the students.

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